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**Credentials of representatives to the Sixteenth Meeting
of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on
the Law of the Sea****Report of the Credentials Committee**

Chairperson: Ms. Polly Ioannou (Cyprus)

1. On 21 June 2006, the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Albania, Brazil, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.
2. The Committee held its meeting on 21 June 2006.
3. Ms. Polly Ioannou (Cyprus) was elected Chairperson by acclamation.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 20 June 2006, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.
5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 62 States participating in the Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone,



Slovakia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 46 States participating in the Sixteenth Meeting: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Maldives, Malta, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Togo, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 20 June 2006, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."